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that the adhesion layer is disposed toward the interior of the balloon relative to the first layer (not the second layer), because, as recited in claim 214, the second layer is the adhesion layer.

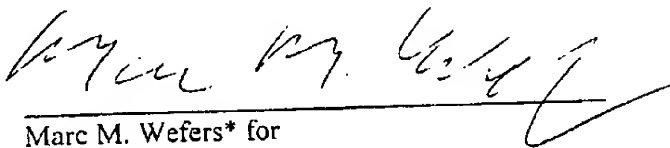
Claims 206-217 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 5,270,086. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.130(b), we enclosed the attached terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. There were no other outstanding rejections, therefore we submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Upon reviewing the file, we note that we have not received initialed copies of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the information disclosure statement filed on September 14, 1999. Our records show that the information disclosure statement complied with 37 CFR 1.97. Thus, we respectfully request that the examiner initial and return the copies as soon as possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

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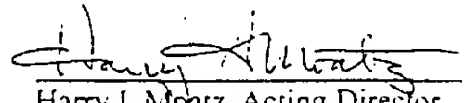
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